

INCH-POUND

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SUPERSEDING

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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

ONIONS, GREEN, FRESH, READY-TO-USE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description.

1. SCOPE.

1.1 This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers fresh, ready-to-use green onions, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by the Federal Government.

2. CLASSIFICATION.

The fresh, ready-to-use green onions shall conform to the following sizes as specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

Sizes. (Unless otherwise specified)

Size I - Small (1/4 to 1/2 inch) [0.635 to 1.27 cm] in diameter

Size II - Medium (1/2 to 1 inch) [1.27 to 2.54 cm] in diameter

All of the tops shall be evenly clipped to not more than 12 inches (30.48 cm) nor less than 8 inches (20.32 cm).

Beneficial comments, recommendations, additions, deletions, clarifications, etc., and any data which may improve this document should be sent to: Head, Food Quality Assurance Staff, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2506, South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456 or FAX (202) 690-0102.

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3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

3.1 Raw materials: The green onions shall be U.S. No. 1 Grade of the U.S. Standards for Grades of Common Green Onions.

3.2 Preparation: The commonly cultivated green onions (*Allium cepa*) shall be cleaned by washing thoroughly with potable water to remove soil and sorted to remove any that are diseased or otherwise damaged. The roots shall be removed and the bulbs well trimmed in accordance with good commercial practice.

3.3 Finished product:

3.3.1 Flavor and odor: The green onions shall possess good normal characteristic flavor and odor. The onions shall be free from objectionable flavors and odors of any kind.

3.3.2 Color: The fresh, ready-to-use green onions shall possess good exterior bright green color. The fresh, ready-to-use green onions shall be free from brown units which more than slightly affect the appearance of the product.

3.3.3 Texture: The product shall be crisp and firm, but not tough, fibrous, or mushy. The onions shall possess a practically uniform texture.

3.3.4 Temperatures: The fresh, ready-to-use green onions shall be kept under refrigeration to maintain quality. Unless otherwise recommended, preparation, storage, and delivery temperatures greater than 32°F (0°C) but not more than 40°F (4.4°C) are recommended.

3.3.5 Defects: The prepared fresh, ready-to-use green onions shall be free from defects which materially detract from their appearance or edibility. Presence of any decay, off-odor, off-color, or foreign material (e.g.; metal, glass, wood, paint, or insect parts) shall be cause for rejection of the lot.

3.3.6 Uniformity of size: Not more than 5 percent, by weight, not conforming to any one size requirement. More than 5 percent, by weight, not conforming to any one size requirement, shall be cause for rejection of the lot.

4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.

4.1 The delivered fresh, ready-to-use green onions shall comply with all applicable Federal and State mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sale of the fresh ready-to-use green onions within the commercial marketplace. Delivered fresh, ready-to-use green onions shall comply with all

applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.

5.1 Contractor's certification. The contractor shall certify and maintain substantiating evidence that the fresh, ready-to-use green onions offered meet the salient characteristics of this CID, and that the fresh, ready-to-use green onions conform to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and are the same fresh, ready-to-use green onions offered for sale in the commercial marketplace. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

5.2 Quality assurance. When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order that product quality or acceptability or both be determined, the Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture shall be the certifying activity and shall make the determination in accordance with applicable PPB procedures. The fresh, ready-to-use green onions shall be examined or analyzed or both in accordance with applicable provisions in this CID, solicitation, contract, or purchase order, and, when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers currently in effect on the date of the solicitation.

5.3 Examination of finished product. For lot sizes of 2 to 501,000 bags and over, 13 bags shall be selected. The sample unit shall be 2 pounds of product from each of 13 bags yielding 13, 2 pound samples. When the lot size is less than 13, examine all units. The finished fresh, ready-to-use green onions shall be evaluated for conformance to the salient characteristics. The lot shall be rejected if one or more sample units fail to conform to the salient characteristics.

6. PACKAGING.

6.1 Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking. Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking shall be as specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order

7. NOTES.

7.1 Sources of documents.

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7.1.1 Sources of information for governmental documents are as follows:

Applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are contained in 21 CFR Parts 1 to 199. This document may be purchased from: **Superintendent of Documents, ATTN: New Orders, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.** Credit card (MasterCard or Visa) purchases may be made by calling the Superintendent of Documents on (202) 512-1800.

Copies of the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers are available from: **Chairperson, Condition of Container Committee, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2506, South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456.**

Civil agencies and other interested parties may obtain copies of this CID from: **General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service Bureau, Specifications Section, Suite 8100, 470 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407.**

Military activities should submit requests for copies of this CID to: **Standardization Documents Order Desk, Building 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.**

MILITARY INTERESTS:

Military Coordinating Activity

Army - GL

Custodians

Army - GL
Navy - SA
Air Force - 35

Review Activities

Army - MD, QM
Navy - MC
DLA - SS

CIVIL AGENCY COORDINATING ACTIVITIES:

DOJ - BOP
HHS - NIH, IHS
USDA - FV
VA - OSS

PREPARING ACTIVITY:

USDA - FV